

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

In order to stably carry out reproduction of information in an optical  
5 disc medium (10) using a PRML (partial-response maximum-likelihood) method  
for reproducing the signal, the optical disc medium (10) has not only a data  
recording area (14) where data is recorded at high density but also a system  
information recording area (16) where information is recorded at low density  
and binary equalizing/reproducing can be easily made. Information required to  
10 circuit setting is recorded in the system information recording area.

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